

P.S. Please send us publicity information (as mentioned in our 9/27/82 letter) for the Religion Section of the Atlanta Journal/Constitution. It would be an excellent way to find out about Armenians in Atlanta we do not know, as well as publicity in the ARMENIAN city paper which has so far refused to run a INDEPENDENT feature on the Armenians.

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Father Houssig Bagdasian
Vicar General
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Dear Father Bagdasian:

I just received a letter from Armen Karapetian, today informing me of His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian's planned trip to Atlanta on June 9th.

I had written His Eminence on September 27, 1982, following my election as President/Chairman of AICAA, inquiring about details of a possible trip to Atlanta. I received a reply from Frank Avakian Stoneson, Executive Director, (copy enclosed) that we would be informed of such a trip when it is planned. And of course I have spoken with you following my December 15th letter about hosting Father Arsen Barsamian here. Unfortunately, at the time, the Board of Directors/Committee of AICAA voted not to finance such a trip.

Naturally I was quite surprised that neither a member of the AICAA committee nor myself was notified of the upcoming trip, and yet we are responsible for arranging the details. We are currently working on our annual picnic at Stone Mountain Park on May 29th, and will be having a Committee meeting this coming Monday at 7:30 p.m. to work out the details. At the same time we need details of His Eminence's visit in order to help out on this end.

Please call or write me as soon as possible about this. I am sorry if there has been a confusion. (Our elections are always in September: 1981 President was Seth Dorian; 1982 President was Armen Karapetian; next president will be elected September 1983).

Regards to all. (Incidentally, I plan to be at the A.G.B.U. convention in Detroit in late June, where I get together with my mother, as well as my compatriots that I grew up with in Egypt).

Respectfully yours,

Mary Apelian Dillon (Mrs.)
President